

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Roy P. Demott, Kimberly C. Gillis, Ernest G. Stringer, Terence M. Hedley

Serial Number: 09/809,664

Filed: March 15, 2001

For: MAT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A MAT

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Unknown

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above-referenced application.

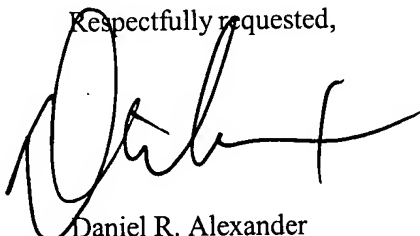
The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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Independent	10 Minus	10 =	0	X \$84.00	\$0.00

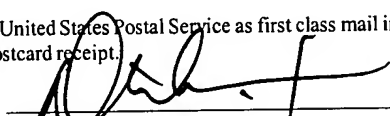
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$558.00 for this Preliminary Amendment and any other fee as may be required for timely acceptance of the Amendment transmitted herewith and to credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully requested,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following claims:

--51. The mat according to claim 16, wherein the fabric layer is printed by at least one of heat transfer printing, digital printing, ink-jet printing, electrostatic printing, and screen printing.

52. The mat according to claim 1, wherein the fabric layer is dyed.

A9 53. The mat according to claim 22, wherein the fabric layer is printed by at least one of heat transfer printing, digital printing, ink-jet printing, electrostatic printing, and screen printing.

54. The mat according to claim 22, wherein the fabric layer is dyed.

55. The mat according to claim 28, wherein the fabric layer is printed by at least one of heat transfer printing, digital printing, ink-jet printing, electrostatic printing, and screen printing.

56. The mat according to claim 28, wherein the fabric layer is dyed.

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